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\$425,000 Settlement Reached with Phibro-Tech, Inc.

Cypress --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reached a \$425,000 settlement with Phibro-Tech, Inc. (PTI), for hazardous waste violations at its 8851 Dice Road facility in Santa Fe Springs.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order), signed on October 9, 2003, PTI will pay a total of \$425,000, of which \$399,200 is administrative penalty and \$25,800 is reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/PTI/PTI_ENF_CO.pdf

The settlement stems from violations observed during May 30 through June 2, 2000, September 18, 2000, and June 7, 8, and 15, 2001 inspections at the PTI facility. Some of the violations include:

- Storage of hazardous wastes in an unauthorized area
- Exceeding the permitted storage designed capacity
- Inadequate aisle space in the drum storage area
- Inadequate secondary containment in the storage and treatment areas
- Failure to follow some of the conditions of a 1999 Consent Agreement and Order
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As part of the settlement, PTI has agreed to comply with all requirements of its hazardous waste facility permit, a 1999 Consent Agreement and Order located on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/PTI/PTI_ENF_CO-99.pdf and a 2000 Consent Order located at the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/PTI/PTI_ENF_CO-00.pdf, and will carry out the October 2003 Order in compliance with all applicable local, State and Federal requirements.

Although the Order constitutes full settlement of the above violations, it does not limit DTSC from taking any appropriate enforcement action against PTI for future violations.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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